STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:	DOCKET NO. E-21688
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

(Issued August 18, 2004)

On August 2, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a verified petition for franchise with an application for a temporary construction permit pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.31 (2003), for .44 miles of 72,500 maximum voltage electric transmission line in Palo Alto County, Iowa.

In support of its request, MEC asserted it has obtained the approval of the appropriate highway or railroad authorities, and is the nearest electric utility to the proposed point of service.

The Board has reviewed MEC's application and finds it meets the requirements of Iowa Code § 478.31 (2003). Therefore, MEC is granted a temporary construction permit for an electric transmission line to be operated at a maximum voltage not in excess of that stated herein and not exceeding one mile in length over, along, and across the following described land, highways, and streams:

Commencing at MidAmerican Energy Company's Emmetsburg South Substation located within the corporate city limits of Emmetsburg, Iowa, approximately .13 mile South of the intersection of Huron Street and Duffy Street to the point of beginning at the Southeasterly city limits of Emmetsburg a distance of approximately .60 mile; thence continuing Southeasterly in private railroad easement to the Westerly line of Drainage Ditch No. 180, formerly Drainage Ditch No. 2, a distance of approximately .06 mile, thence continuing Southeasterly along and parallel with Duffy Street extending through the Southwest

Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼ SW ¼) of Section 29, Township 96 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M., Palo Alto County, Iowa, a distance of approximately .28 mile to the North line of 380th Street, thence crossing 380th Street in public right of way and continuing Southeasterly a distance of approximately .03 mile in private railroad easement right of way, thence Southwesterly a distance of .07 mile in private easement terminating at MidAmerican Energy Company's Emmetsburg East Substation located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE ¼ NW ¼) of Section 32, Township 96 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M., Palo Alto County, Iowa, for a total distance of approximately .44 mile.

If the Board determines that a franchise should not be granted, or that further restrictions, conditions or modifications are required, or if MEC fails to make a sufficient and proper showing of the necessity for granting the franchise within six months of the granting of this temporary construction permit, this permit shall become null and void.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The application for a temporary construction permit filed by MidAmerican Energy Company, on August 2, 2004, is granted in accordance with the body of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns ATTEST: /s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of August, 2004.